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## ON TO STOCKTON

To Northern California Congregational young people the church at Stockton, of which the Rev. Noel J. Breed is minister, offers the courtesies of host on the occasion of the Pilgrim Fellowship's annual Mid-Winter Conference to be held December 27, 28 and 29. The theme, "Christian Youth Building a New Church," a phase of the interdenominational youth program, will furnish a main emphasis for the thinking of delegates gathered from the ninety-nine churches included in the Conference bounds.

A sense of the world Christian community will be especially notable in the addresses and forums to be conducted by Dr. Gill and Dr. Swartz, representatives of American Congregationalism at the recent Oxford and Edinburgh conferences. Round Tables led by competent authorities in the fields of recreation, worship, the Bible, and personal development will have as their aim the relation of youth to these problems. The leadership of Mr. Lawton Harris, executive secretary of the East Bay Church Federation, has been obtained for the play and fellowship program.

As adult director of the conference, the Rev. Sidney H. Buckham of San Mateo will collaborate with youth chairman Alice Eggleston, Sacramento, and a committee of representative youth and adult leaders.

The conference program is to begin with registration on the afternoon of Monday, December 27, the first meal being the dinner at 6 o'clock. Lunch on Wednesday, the 29, followed by the Director's summary, will bring the gathering to a close. Total cost, including registration, is only $2.00, a low figure made possible by the opening of Stockton homes for entertainment of delegates on the Harvard plan (bed and breakfast). Registrations must be in the hands of Mrs. L. M. Drury, Registrar, 116 West Willow St., Stockton, by December 21.

## PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Preliminary announcements have been made by the Pacific School of Religion that the Pastoral Conference will be held March 1-3. The Earl lecturer will be Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, whose general theme will be "Religion and Rural Life in America." Other leaders who have thus far been enlisted are Henry Kendall Booth of Long Beach, who was detained a year ago because of an automobile accident, and Kenyon Scudder of Los Angeles, long engaged in probation and correctional work among boys.

### STATE CONFERENCE FOR SAN MATEO

The 1938 Conference will go to San Mateo. The invitation so graciously extended by the pastor, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, was accepted by the Board of Directors, to which the matter had been referred.

The Board and the Conference were deeply grateful to Santa Cruz for also extending an invitation, and it is hoped that it will be repeated another year. The Conference was entertained by Santa Cruz three times in its history, the last time being in 1909, but it has never been held in San Mateo.

# MODERATOR SENDS MESSAGE

**Our church needs a financial campaign, sure enough. Some of our members contribute nothing, some carelessly give little, relatively few give sacrificially; and the total result is inadequate both as regards home support and world-wide service.**

**But our own church needs something else more than a financial campaign, and that is a movement to grow both inwardly and outwardly; to achieve a spiritual revival in connection with a systematic campaign for increased membership.**

**Two very valuable principles which strangely enough often are lost sight of and forgotten, are these: (1) The careful winning of people to real church membership is in itself a valuable spiritual experience; and (2) If new members give financial support according to their abilities, the result is the best kind of financial campaign.**

**One of the laymen of our church, himself a leading business man, recently sought out an acquaintance of long standing and persuaded him that he should join the church. Since this acquaintance who himself is a business man was immediately leaving the city for several weeks, we went to his place of business then and there and received him into fellowship. When he returned to the city he came to services, brought a substantial check for the Sundays he had missed, and a signed pledge for weekly support. The emphasis was spiritual, the results did not overlook the material needs, and our whole work is strengthened.**

**Brethren, I'm 100 per cent for this kind of a personal, evangelistic, financial, spiritual campaign for our church and for all churches!**

**JASON NOBLE PIERCE.**

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE AT BEAUTIFUL ZEPHYR POINT

Climaxing months of study and several years of intermittent discussion, the Conference Committee on Young People's work has recommended to the Board of Directors the moving of our summer conference from Asilomar to Lake Tahoe.

Congregationalists have been meeting at Asilomar, with either adult or young people's conferences or both, annually since 1920, and the Asilomar tradition has been very strong in our fellowship.

However, of recent years there has been much dissatisfaction because of the cost for the week's stay at Asilomar. Rates were reduced somewhat but not sufficient to permit as large an attendance from many churches as was desired . "The straw that broke the camel's back" was notice from the management that the minimum tent-house rate for the 1938 season would be advanced from $13.30 to $16.85.

During the past several years the Presbyterian Synod of California has been developing a very attractive conference ground at Zephyr Point, on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe, about half way between Glenbrook and the state line. They now have an auditorium seating 500, dining room that accommodates 300 at a sitting, dormitories, tents, classrooms, and quarters for faculty. Sports, such as swimming and boating, hiking, baseball, tennis and horseback riding, are available. There are cottages which can be rented by families desiring to do their own housekeeping. In 1937 the entire Synod of California met on the grounds, with an attendance of over 500.

Instead of paying $16.85, as would have been necessary at Asilomar, a rate of $11.50 has been arranged at Zephyr Point with a rebate of $1.00 for each person if a total of 200 are present.

While there will be a greater problem in transportation for some of our churches, it will ease the problem for others, and it is expected that bus transportation for large groups can be provided quite economically.

### A CHRISTMAS ASPIRATION IN TIMES OF CONFUSION

**To lift our eyes from the holocaust about us to the heavens above us;**

**To find amidst the external confusion of international conflict, the internal assurance of Divine communion;**

**To be conquerors,—not so much by now and then "going over the top" as by continually "seeing things from above," so that even in apparent defeat, disaster and disgrace, we can say with Him whose birth we celebrate, "I have overcome the world."**

**"This is the Victory, even our Faith."**

(A Christmas aspiration written just twenty years ago by the editor, and which is peculiarly appropriate for our own day).

## ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference, which was held in First Church, Oakland, October 26 to 28, brought together the largest number of delegates that we have had for a number of years. 464 persons paid their registration fees and many other persons were present, at least for part of the time. In another column will be found the list of officers who were elected for the ensuing year. Delegates received mimeographed books of reports of officers and committees, and copies of such books were mailed to the few churches that were not represented.

The Conference was honored in having as guests Rev. Frederick L. Fagley, Associate Secretary of the General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches, who delivered the opening address, Rev. Edward D. Gaylord, Superintendent of the Southern California Conference, and Rev. Roy H. Campbell of San Diego, both of whom spoke at the closing banquet. Rev. Frank E. Carlson, Superintendent of Oregon, was an unexpected visitor, whose presence was greatly appreciated.

It was voted to release one per cent of the apportionment funds, now held for the State Ministers' Relief Society, to the national Board with the request that it go for the maintenance of the Original Plan annuities. The vote of a year ago solemnly committing our churches to an increase in apportionment giving was reaffirmed. The ministerial members of the Central Association, at the request of that Association, were received into ministerial standing in the Conference. A resolution to provide for a lay preacher curriculum was laid on the table for one year. A resolution favorable to the passing of certain legislation to benefit California Indians was referred to the Committee on Social Action.

The detailed arrangements of the Conference were carried through with great efficiency under the chairmanship of Dr. Ray E. Gilson of the Oakland, First Church, and the pastor, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach.

San Mateo and Santa Cruz both presented invitations for the 1938 Conference, decision being left to the Board of Directors.

## Bay Men Gather

More than ninety men gathered at the meeting and dinner for laymen of the Bay Association, which was held at the Plymouth Church, Oakland, on Thursday evening, November 18. A committee of laymen headed by Mr. C. T. Tinker made all arrangements. The program was entirely made up of numbers by laymen. Mr. Earl B. Grosh of First Berkeley sang, accompanied by Mr. Alex Pirie of Plymouth, Oakland. Dr. Harold R. Palmer of First Oakland gave an exhibition of magic, and Professor Walter J. Holman, dean of the lower division of San Francisco State College, gave an address on "The Challenge of the Church to the Man of Today." Active and profitable discussion followed. Twelve laymen signed up for membership in the Laymen's Fellowship, sponsored by Donald A. Adams, and there was unanimous vote that such meetings were worth while and should be repeated.

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## NEW OFFICERS

*(Following is the list of officers and committees now serving the Conference, including those elected at the annual meeting and those appointed by the Board of Directors. In order that readers may have the* full list of names, the holdover members of various *departments are included. It is suggested that this list be clipped and pasted in the Hand Book to serve until the new Hand Book is issued in the spring.)*

*Moderator*—Rev. Jason Noble Pierce.
*Assistant Moderator*—Rev. H. S. Mahood.
*Registrar*—Rev. Harley H. Gill.
*Preacher*—Rev. Charles E. Ward.
*Alternate Preacher*—Rev. Victor H. Morgan.

*Committee on Ministerial Standing*—1938, Rev. Burton M. Palmer, Rev. Reed B. Cherington, Rev. T. T. Giffen. 1939, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, Rev. Gail Cleland. 1940, Rev. N. B. Henderson, Rev. James Muilenburg, Rev. H. F. Swartz, Rev. W. Wallace.

*Representatives to Anti-Saloon League*—Rev. Gail Cleland and Mr. George S. Martin.

*Representative to Christian Endeavor*—Rev. C. G. Marshall.

*Visitors to Pacific School of Religion*—Rev. J. H. McCartney, Rev. R. B. Cherington, Rev. Godfrey Matthews.

*California Church Council*—Rev. H. F. Swartz, Rev. Fred Morrow, Rev. Pierson Parker, Mrs. C. A. Kofoid.

*Members of General Council* (to opening session of): 1938, Prof. E. E. Stanford, Mrs. H. F. Swartz. 1940, Mr. George S. Martin, Mrs. Gail Cleland. *Alternate*, Judge M. G. Woodward. 1942, Rev. John H. Gregg, Mrs. Lawrence Wilson. *Alternates:* Rev. H. H. Gill, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, J. H. Kimball, Mrs. C. T. Tinker.

*Fraternal Delegate to Southern California*—Rev. H. H. Gill.

*Board of Directors—Class of* 1938, Mrs. W. W. Furze, *Rev. H. F. Swartz, Rev. C. Reidenbach, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, *Mr. C. M. Doxsee, Rev. H. J. Loken, *Mrs. A. V. Dunn. *Class of* 1939, *Rev. Benjamin Gould, Rev. H. S. Mahood, *Rev. Gail Cleland, Mrs. L. M. Drury, *Mrs. F. J. Greene, *Rev. J. N. Pierce, *Miss Helen M. Perkins. *Class of* 1940, *Rev. E. W. Benedict, Rev. A. R. Boone, Prof. Wm. R. Davis, *Dr. Ray E. Gilson, Mrs. E. V. Krick, Rev J. N. Sauer, *Rev. R. C. Waddell. (*Executive Committee).

*President*—Rev. Gail Cleland.
*Vice-President*—Mrs. A. V. Dunn.
*Secretary*—Rev. Harley H. Gill.
*Treasurer*—Rev. W. Wallace Furze.
*Assistant Treasurer*—Mr. C. S. Morse.
*Auditor*—Mr. C. B. Wingate.
Committees of the Board of Directors:
*Finance*—Rev. W. Wallace Furze, Mr. C. S. Morse, Mr. A. W. Moore, Rev. H. H. Gill.
*World Service*—Mr. G. S. Martin, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, Mr. C. M. Doxsee, Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, Miss Helen M. Perkins, Mrs. T. E. Borden, Mrs. Godfrey Matthews, Mrs. N. W. Place, Rev. J. N. Pierce, Prof. C. A. Kofoid.
*Evangelism*—Rev. A. R. Boone, Rev. R. C. Day, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, Rev. C. L. Mears, Rev. H. J. Loken, Rev. Alden A. Read.
*Religious Work at University of California*—Rev. T. T. Giffen, Rev. Willard B. Thorp, Rev. H. F. Swartz, Rev. W. Wallace, Mrs. W. B. Buckham, Rev. Pierson Parker, Mrs. C. Reidenbach, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Prof. E. V. Tenney.
*Religious Education*—Rev. Wm. R. Steininger, Rev. R. C. Waddell, Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Miss Lucile Shackelford, Mrs. L. M. Drury, Miss Betty McCall.
*Young People's Work*—Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Mr. Garver Jensen, Miss Alice Eggleston, Miss Viola Mann, Miss Juanita Murdock, Rev. N. J. Breed, Rev. E. W. Benedict, Rev. C. E. Ward.
*Appropriations*—Rev. Benjamin Gould, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, Dr. Ray E. Gilson.
*Social Action*—Rev. W. Withington, Rev. V. H. Morgan, Rev. L. Wilson, Rev. N. B. Henderson, Mrs. J. M. Burk, Mr. E. B. Mead, Mr. Morris Cleland, Rev. R. R. Shoemaker, Rev. G. Matthews, Mrs. E. W. Benedict.

### BELL FOR SALE

Any church interested in securing a large bronze church bell should communicate with J. D. Keith of the Community Church at Crockett. The bell weighs one thousand pounds, and was formerly in the Presbyterian Church of Crockett.

## Pastors Exchange

At least forty ministers preached sermons on "World Service" (benevolence) on one of the two Sundays, November 21 or 28, in Congregational churches of Northern California.

These were pulpit exchanges, with a few exceptions, and accomplished a two-fold purpose: first, Christian, pastoral and church fellowship; and, secondly, the promotion of the interests of world service through the presentation of facts regarding missionary work at home and abroad.

In the comparatively few churches where exchanges were not effected good and sufficient reasons were given, so that in reality there has been a decidedly cooperative spirit manifest in this entire Conference project.

This is the first effort along the line of simultaneous world service promotion, and indicates a fine spirit of cooperation and interest. It is hoped that the various ministers who entered into the exchange will send their reactions to the Conference office as to the worthwhileness of this plan for this year and suggest the advisability of having a repeat next year, with a different set of exchanges.

Some churches presented appropriate plays and others had programs of a world service nature to supplement the sermon presentations. Perhaps this could become more general next year.—E. T. S.

## HAND BOOKS FOR 1938

The Congregational Hand Book, which has become so popular in our fellowship, is now available for 1938. It includes the calendar of special days, facts about our Congregational churches in America and around the world, a directory of national organizations, a list of the largest churches and Sunday schools, and of Congregational colleges and theological seminaries. There is a year's guide for daily Bible reading, prepared by our own Prof. James Muilenburg of the Pacific School of Religion. There are also prayers for the family and for young people, prayer meeting topics, Christian Endeavor topics, and Pilgrim Fellowship subjects for the year. The price is five cents per copy, ten or more copies four cents each, and $3.00 for 100. Orders may be sent to the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building.

## WILBURS SAFE

Our Northern California Congregational people are deeply concerned about the safety of our missionaries in China, particularly Dr. and Mrs. Leonard F. Wilbur. They will be reassured on seeing the following item, which appeared in the San Francisco News as a United Press dispatch from Boston, dated November 29:

Safety of six American Christian workers at Taiku, North China, has been confirmed by Secy. of State Cordell Hull, the American Board of Foreign Missions said today.

The missionaries include: Dr. and Mrs. Leonard F. Wilbur of San Francisco and their children, Ruth, 3, and Lyman, one.

Coincident with this news came a letter from Dr. Wilbur, dated Sept. 26, urging his relatives not to be "too concerned about us" since "the more trouble there is the more we will be needed."

Dr. Wilbur recently underwent a blood transfusion to save the life of a Chinese mother.

## THE HOME STRETCH

The church by church report given below is in many ways the most important report of the year, for it indicates what remains to be done between the time The Pacific reaches its readers and the 10th of January, which is the deadline for apportionment receipts for the year. The figures are encouraging in that a gain of $1,400 is shown for the first eleven months of the year, over the corresponding period in 1936, but they indicate that there is a very long road to travel if we are to reach the goal of $5,000 advance over the average giving of 1934 and 1935, which has been twice adopted by the Conference. Between now and January 10 a total of $13,300 must come in if that goal is to be reached. This will require extraordinary efforts in collections, the solicitation of individuals and all departments and organizations within the church, and promptness in sending funds in. All remittances postmarked up to and including Monday, January 10, will be credited to the churches for 1937, unless we are otherwise instructed.

| Church— | Oct.-Nov. 1937 | Jan. 11 to Nov. 30, '37 | Jan. 11 to Nov. 30, '36 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adin | $ 11.40 | $ 39.60 | $ 53.04 |
| Alameda | 107.04 | 422.65 | 320.91 |
| Alturas | ..... | 22.71 | 23.78 |
| Angels Camp | ..... | 125.00 | 78.06 |
| Antioch | 7.50 | 51.50 | 21.80 |
| Auburn | ..... | 60.00 | 50.00 |
| Benicia | ..... | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Berkeley, First | 1,002.50 | 6,427.80 | 5,916.58 |
| Kensington | ..... | 10.00 | ..... |
| North | ..... | 257.45 | 450.00 |
| Park | 30.50 | 65.80 | 62.23 |
| Campbell | 62.00 | 177.00 | 179.00 |
| Ceres | ..... | ..... | 113.41 |
| Cloverdale | 8.50 | 44.50 | 59.56 |
| Cotati | ..... | 40.19 | 55.41 |
| Crockett | 13.50 | 23.50 | 40.40 |
| Etna | ..... | ..... | 12.00 |
| Eureka | 51.00 | 298.94 | 242.16 |
| Fairfax | 12.05 | 23.05 | ..... |
| Ferndale | 28.80 | 155.10 | 230.79 |
| Fowler | ..... | ..... | 12.00 |
| Fresno, First | 96.20 | 676.32 | 552.88 |
| Free Cross | ..... | 10.00 | ..... |
| Pilgrim | 50.00 | 95.00 | 60.00 |
| Zion | 50.00 | 50.00 | 30.00 |
| Glen Ellen | ..... | ..... | 2.27 |
| Guerneville | 5.25 | 9.75 | ..... |
| Hayfork | ..... | ..... | 5.85 |
| Hayward | 37.00 | 87.00 | 125.00 |
| Kenwood | 13.26 | 41.50 | 36.49 |
| Lewiston | ..... | 2.75 | 1.50 |
| Likely | ..... | ..... | 7.95 |
| Lockeford | ..... | ..... | 2.50 |
| Lodi, First | 115.00 | 695.00 | 706.00 |
| Loomis | ..... | 18.00 | 21.90 |
| Martinez | 66.96 | 303.45 | 234.87 |
| Mill Valley | ..... | 5.00 | ..... |
| Murphys | ..... | 50.00 | 40.00 |
| Niles | ..... | 5.00 | 10.00 |
| Oakland, First | 833.32 | 4,868.26 | 4,412.95 |
| Fruitvale | 10.00 | 22.00 | 5.00 |
| Japanese | ..... | ..... | 5.00 |
| Pilgrim | 8.50 | 38.91 | 14.60 |
| Plymouth | 139.93 | 649.65 | 630.00 |
| Oroville | 30.00 | 150.00 | 172.00 |
| Pacific Grove | ..... | 281.30 | 369.28 |
| Palo Alto | 550.00 | 1,650.00 | 1,375.00 |
| Paradise | 41.37 | 134.16 | 132.09 |
| Penngrove | ..... | ..... | 5.52 |
| Pescadero | ..... | ..... | 2.00 |
| Petaluma | 174.75 | 607.64 | 546.56 |
| Pittsburg | 47.92 | 117.83 | 81.13 |
| Port Chicago | ..... | 2.00 | 4.65 |
| Porterville | 37.50 | 112.50 | 112.50 |
| Redwood City | 150.00 | 510.00 | 415.00 |
| Reedley | ..... | ..... | 25.00 |
| Rio Vista | 38.87 | 38.87 | ..... |
| Ripon | 25.28 | 108.57 | 55.31 |
| Sacramento | 76.73 | 445.06 | 497.15 |
| Salida | 50.00 | 50.00 | ..... |
| San Carlos | ..... | 24.62 | 10.00 |
| San Francisco, | | | |
| Bethany Msn. Pk. | 22.25 | 256.17 | 299.99 |
| First | 154.96 | 1,504.49 | 1,314.77 |
| Ocean View | ..... | 35.00 | 50.00 |
| Richmond | 58.00 | 74.00 | 34.73 |
| San Jose | 152.00 | 607.00 | 550.00 |
| San Leandro | 33.20 | 84.78 | 73.05 |
| San Mateo | ..... | 60.00 | ..... |
| San Rafael | 15.00 | 39.00 | 20.00 |
| Santa Cruz | 160.00 | 485.00 | 490.00 |
| Santa Rosa | 18.94 | 155.53 | 160.40 |
| Saratoga | 155.73 | 363.24 | 316.28 |
| Sebastopol | 44.90 | 194.33 | 188.45 |
| Sonoma | 24.56 | 57.90 | 70.64 |
| Soquel | 25.00 | 65.00 | 51.00 |
| Stockton | 111.35 | 440.95 | 450.95 |
| Suisun | ..... | 35.45 | 45.00 |
| Sunnyvale | 7.61 | 7.61 | 14.92 |
| Tulare | 60.00 | 225.00 | 264.80 |
| Weaverville | 35.00 | 126.39 | 102.36 |
| Woodside | ..... | ..... | 8.86 |
| Reno, Nevada | 65.73 | 381.66 | 343.05 |
| Miscellaneous | 25.00 | 414.73 | 816.38 |
| | $5,151.86 | $25,738.16 | $24,314.71 |

### CHRISTMAS FUND

THE CHRISTMAS FUND which for thirty-five years has been raised for the benefit of our aged and disabled ministers and widows who are in need, is familiar to most of our church people. Each year checks from the Christmas and Emergency Fund are sent to more than a thousand families, to carry the remembrance of the Church on Christmas Day and to assist in crises of sickness, death and acute distress during the year.

The Church of Christ, which these older ministers have served faithfully during the years of their strength, owes them a debt in return for unselfish labors in fields remote and poor, where they have kept the light of Christian idealism aglow, with small earthly reward and no opportunity to provide for their declining years.

Last year 7,615 donors contributed a total of $78,032 to the Christmas Fund, which besides assisting pastors in the drouth-stricken areas of the Middle West, was distributed in more than 1,200 separate gifts to those in our ministerial felowship who were in need of food, shelter, clothing, medical help and money for maintaining their little homes in the villages where they live.

If you are a regular contributor to the fund, make your gift this year as liberal as possible. If you have never taken part before, join with the 1,000 or more new donors who every year add their contributions to this blessed Christmas Fund.

Gifts may be sent direct to the Board of Home Missions, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, or to the Conference office, **marked "For Christmas Fund."** Northern California Ministers' Relief Society will receive a portion of this fund for its pensioners.

Donald A. Adams, head of our Laymen's Movement, has prepared a manual on men's work under the title, "Men and the Church." Plans and suggestions for men's organizations and activities are set forth and also instructions for the proper conduct of certain church offices are included. The book sells for 25 cents, and may be secured from Mr. Adams or the Conference office.

Rev. James D. Salmon of Trinity County, desires to thank all those who gave him clothing at the time of the Conference, for distribution in his parishes. He does not know the names of all the donors, and is unable to express his gratitude personally, but it is no less real.

### REV. JOHN T. MUNTON

Rev. John T. Munton passed away November 12 in Gold Beach, Oregon, after a long and very painful illness. Mr. Munton was born in England in 1869. He was for many years connected with the Salvation Army and later in the Methodist Church. For the past 23 years he has served Congregational churches in Washington, California and Oregon.

He will be remembered in Northern California for his work in Calaveras County, where he served about four years. He is survived by his widow and several children. Mr. Munton was a man of irrepressible optimism and faith, genial in his contacts, and always willing to undertake hard tasks.

# MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

**REDWOOD CITY.** The Diamond Jubilee Week of the Redwood City church began auspiciously with a communion and consecration service on October 31, conducted by Rev. Charles E. Ward, who received 38 new members, over half of the quota set for the entire year. The Congregational Church's position as a community force was generously voiced by Mayor Paul McCarthy and other Redwood City leaders at the 75th Anniversary Banquet on November 2, over 225 members partaking of the excellent turkey dinner and setting a new record for attendance at the church dinners. Clifton Woodham's Wednesday "program of varied talents" and Supt. Gill's stirring recital of the Church Unity progress mapped at Oxford were highlights of the week. Friday afternoon was Women's Day when the Women's Guild presented Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt, president of Mills College in a program which apparently attracted many women of the community, as was evidenced by an attendance of 250, more than doubling the Guild's best previous attendance record. Sunday, November 7, dedicated to rturning "Old audience, Rev. R. J. Currie, pastor during 1924-9, preaching the sermon. Later, a luncheon was served to returning members, the officers and their wives. Music for the Sunday services was provided by a choir of fifty voices composed of alumni of former choirs, conducted by Otis Carrington, whose prize winning anthem, a stirring and effective composition, was a feature.

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**BERKELEY, PARK.** A vested choir for the Sunday school program has been introduced, which has had a fine influence on the attitude of the children. It is expected that the junior choir will sing with the senior choir on the last Sunday of each month, and that its members will ultimately graduate into the senior choir. A thousand bulletins of the church are distributed in the community every month through the cooperation of a number of Berkeley business men. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, reports the best average morning attendance of the year during October.

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**SACRAMENTO PIONEER.** The old mortgage is burned! Of course there is a new one, but for a greatly reduced amount and with an interest rate which can more easily be handled. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, the pastor, was honored by the invitation to preach a dedication sermon for the rebuilt plant of the church at Greeley, Colorado, where he served many years ago. He has been assisting Superintendent Carlson and Rev. Fred Field Goodsell in a series of convocations for ministers in Oregon.

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**ALAMEDA.** The members of the Alameda Post and the Auxiliary of the American Legion were welcomed on Armistice Sunday. The same evening was observed as wedding anniversary night. The pastor, Rev. Gail Cleland, devoted an evening recently to a review of the life of General Chiang Kai-Shek.

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**BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVE.** Professor James Muilenburg gave a four weeks' course of lectures for which 27 persons were enrolled. His subject was "Between the Testaments." Mr. R. C. M. Fiske is the director.

**OAKLAND, JAPANESE.** Mr. Naomichi Kodaira, who has served as pastor since last April, and whose father was pastor of this church many years ago, was examined and ordained by a council of Bay Association churches, held on the evening of November 16. Rev. Godfrey Matthews of Hayward served as moderator and Prof. George Tolson as scribe. The young people of the church furnished special music.

Supt. Harley H. Gill read the Scripture, President Herman F. Swartz preached the sermon, and the ordination prayer was offered by Rev. Joseph K. Fukushima of Montebello. Rev. Harvey V. Miller gave the charge to the minister, and Rev. Gail Cleland gave the charge to the people, speaking his concluding words in Japanese. The right hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. V. H. Yessayan. The members of the council were guests of the church for dinner at the Oakland Y. W. C. A.

Splendid progress is being made under the leadership of Mr. Kodaira.

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**SANTA CRUZ.** Eight new members were received at the November communion, among them the city superintendent of schools and his family. Hubert Clyde Linscott, a member of the church, on his return home from concert work gave a recital for the benefit of the church. At the ninth annual interchange of pulpits, the choirs and pastors of this and the First Christian Church exchanged. The church has accepted and is following plans for every member canvass outlined by Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman. Rev. H. S. Mahood is the pastor.

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**BERKELEY, NORTH.** In a communication sent to its friends this church points out that 7,000 students live north of the campus, that the same section has more families per square mile than any other in Berkeley, that in that area there is not one large church, but North Church intends to meet the responsibility and do it well. The church school has a staff of well trained teachers and the attendance is growing. There are adult evening classes. Rev. Pierson Parker is the pastor.

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**SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST.** The ministry of music of this church is making a deep impression. The music department of the San Francisco State College, in cooperation with the music committee of the church, gave a vesper concert at 4 p. m. on November 28. At least three choirs are under regular instruction and assisting in the various services of worship. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, preached the sermon of the union Thanksgiving service in Glide Memorial Church, Thanksgiving eve.

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**OAKLAND, PILGRIM.** The church auditorium is having a new roof of patent shingles, the first since the structure was erected 24 years ago. During each month, Rev. Harvey V. Miller, the pastor, makes 125 or more calls.

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**SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW.** The Intermediate Fellowship sponsored a meeting which was addressed by Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee, which attracted a splendid audience. Mr. C. W. Kirkpatrick is pastor.

**CALAVERAS COUNTY.** After a period of three months without regular pastoral leadership, the Angels Camp and Murphy churches have unanimously called Rev. John G. Dickey of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and he is at work. Mr. Dickey has spent the largest part of his ministerial life in North Dakota, where for 21 years he was field man and general worker. For the past three or four years he has been at Klamath Falls in charge of a very important Home Missionary project. He undertakes the work in Calaveras County with enthusiasm as to its possibilities and with the faith of experience in frontier conditions. He will be ably assisted by Mrs. Dickey who is a very competent musician. Northern California heartily welcomes the Dickeys into its fellowship.

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**TRINITY COUNTY.** The Hayfork church has not been completed due to inability to get lumber which matches that used in the older part of the building, but it is expected soon. The Sunday school has increased in enrollment and attendance. A Thanksgiving basket was given to a needy family. A Christmas program with a play and special music will be given.

The Weaverville unified church service is working out well, the pupils serving as ushers. It is hoped that a heating plant can be installed and extensive repairs made. Rev. James Salmon held two Sunday services at Lewiston during the month.

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**COTATI and PENNGROVE.** Attendance at worship, Sunday school, and young people's meeting has increased several fold at Penngrove. The work at Cotati grows less rapidly but is substantial. The young people of both churches presented a drama, entitled "Even as You and I," on Thanksgiving Sunday in which Old Testament prophets were portrayed. It was very well done and created widespread interest. The properties of both churches have been improved under the able leadership of Rev. C. C. Champlin.

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**OAKLAND, FRUITVALE.** The suggestion of the national moderator that churches ought to have two morning services is being followed by Fruitvale. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Orr, really makes a service of worship for an adult group in the Sunday school, which he teaches, prior to the regular morning service at eleven. Various organizations and lodges are in frequent attendance. In November the Orange Lodges of Oakland and the Maccabees took two evening services.

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**BERKELEY CHINESE.** The programs of the church and Sunday school have been unified. Once each Sunday the worship is in the hands of children. Three young American women have been secured to help with the teaching. A women's club meets every Monday night to prepare supplies for relief among the refugees in China. Mr. Dan Yee, a student at the Pacific School of Religion, is pastor of the church.

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**ALTURAS.** Interior alterations and decorations are being made in the church school rooms and kitchen, and other improvements are planned for the auditorium. A number of new people have been enlisted and prospects continue to grow brighter. Rev. J. K. Ballou is pastor.

**PETALUMA.** The senior department of the church school is growing. A small building has been taken over by the young people and enlarged for their use. On Thanksgiving Sunday the church school held a family service, to which parents were invited. Following the worship service led by the pupils, the pastor, Rev. R. C. Waddell, gave a brief sermon and then classes were held, including the parents' discussion group. Such meetings will be held once a month. The young people were hosts on November 28 to the Christian Youth Fellowship of Petaluma, the newly organized interdenominational body, with 50 delegates representing six churches. Miss Lois Waddell is the president.

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**PORTERVILLE.** After months of negotiations a long standing flaw in the title to the church property has been removed. At the conclusion of the building project an uncovered deficit of $1,500 was faced and a special canvass is being made to clear it. Average attendance during November was 155. The pledge of missionary giving has been increased. A beautiful new sign, 12 feet by 3, on heavy board with carved ends, matching the architecture of the church, has been presented by friends. The total cost of rebuilding was $21,112, of which $10,000 was covered by insurance. The balance was raised in cash and by a loan from the Building Society. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

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**FAIRFAX.** Slightly over $2,000 has been raised toward clearing the first mortgage and accumulated taxes standing against the property. It was the most successful community-wide drive ever attempted in Fairfax. The impetus of the campaign was given by a friend of the pastor, Rev. C. L. Mears, who offered a conditional gift of $500. A junior fellowship with 25 members has been organized in charge of Mrs. Mears.

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**ADIN.** The ladies' bazaar cleared nearly $100. Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman visited the field, setting up an every member canvass. Rev. A. W. Monosmith, the pastor, is active in community as well as church affairs.

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# WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Wm. T. Sadler

## There Will be no Federation Meeting in December.

**The Annual Meeting of the Federation will be held in the First Church of Berkeley on January 13 and 14. Note that this is a week earlier than usual. The meeting begins Thursday afternoon at 2:15. Men as well as women are welcome to the dinner (60c), following which Superintendent Gill will speak. Luncheon on Friday (40c). Reservations by name, for both dinner and luncheon, should reach Mrs. J. E. Arnett, 2157 Virginia St., Berkeley (AShberry 3642) not later than January 11 at 5 p. m. Programs will be in all the churches at least by the preceding Sunday.**

## ECHOES OF NOVEMBER MEETING

Reporting for our Hospitality Committee, Mrs. R. A. Fuller told of an hour with Mrs. Rawlinson on her way home from China. She is the widow of Dr. Frank Rawlinson, whose death from an air bomb in Shanghai on August 14 marked the tragic loss of one of our greatest Christian workers in China. For 25 years the editor of the "Chinese Recorder" (interdenominational), he is characterized as "Interpreter—of Christ to China—of China to America." America's respect for him was shown in the waiving of all customs' inspection for Mrs. Rawlinson. Her 14-year old daughter, Jean, showed intense nervous strain, but Mrs. Rawlinson was serene and undaunted, with concern not for herself but for our American Board with its difficulties and extra expenses in this Far Eastern crisis. Mrs. Fuller also extended hospitality to Mrs. Charles H. Riggs and her children, returning from Nanking where her husband remained; and to Mrs. A. G. Robinson and her two boys from Tientsin. These were a part of of the S. S. President Wilson's "sad boatload of women and children" returning to America.

Extracts were read from Dr. Leonard Wilbur's latest letter, dated October 10, Taiku. Personal word has been received from Miss Carolyn T. Sewall, now at work in Tientsin. Mrs. Fuller was at the steamer to see Miss Sewall and Miss Alice C. Reed off when they left San Francisco on August 7. Today, November 29, has come personal word from Miss Reed telling of their trip and of her work in Tungchow, where she is now teaching in the schools, as it was thought unwise for her to return to Tehchow, her former field. She writes, Sept. 28, "The things now taking place in China are what we have feared for some years. Recently, many of us had hoped the present calamity would be avoided. For the present mission work is not following carefully laid plans but consists in doing such things as are possible and trying to meet emergencies. You can get the news in papers there and can understand why I am writing with hestraint. You will be hearing from other sources of the urgent needs. Christians and in fact all the people are looking to America for help and sympathy as never before. Don't let us down."

### WORD FROM DR. COOKE

A letter has just been received from Dr. Alma Cooke, dated October 27, at the American Consulate in Tsingtao, Shantung. Tsingtao was very peaceful, the language school was going on, and she and Miss Helen Dizney were studying hard during their enforced vacation. She had just learned that Lintsing Hospital had been closed and the staff scattered by the advice of General Chao, who feared the Japanese would bomb Lintsing because Chinese soldiers had been retreating through the city.

## FEDERATION NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

A letter has come from Miss Adele Ballard, western supervisor of Migrant Work (interdenominational), telling of special need in our California migrant work this year. There are 75,000 migrants in the San Joaquin Valley alone, and 5,000 children to be remembered this Christmas. For these children, new toys costing not over 15c should be wrapped as gifts and labeled "For boy of 6" or "For girl of 3," etc. Suggested gifts are tops, balls, books, dolls, jacks, marbles, pencils, crayons, bright colored rattles for babies, mounted pictures for mothers, bars of dainty soaps, etc. Send these to Mrs. Hutchison, 380 Abby St., Fresno. Gifts of money for a desperately needed extra nurse should be sent to Miss Ballard's assistant, Miss Abbie Nicholson, 430 19th St., Oakland. Send all clothing and layettes to Mrs. A. Phipps, Mendota, Calif., one of the new migrant field nurses.

Rev. James Salmon brought two delegates from the Weaverville church down to our annual Conference in Oakland last month. He also brought 26 Cook Books, prepared by the Weaverville church women, all of which were sold through the cooperation of our Federation. Mr. Salmon will be glad to receive orders from any others desiring Cook Books. He took back to Trinity County a machine full of warm clothing brought in by our women.

Mrs. Frank J. Greene, our devoted Prayer Guild secretary, is still ill and must give up this work. Her resignation was accepted with great regret. The leaflet for "Those Who Care and Share" has been discontinued. In its place a letter each month from Dr. Fred Field Goodsell will be sent without charge to anyone who definitely requests it. Write to him at 14 Beacon St., Boston, giving name and address. The Missionary Herald each month has an exceptionally fine devotional in it. The one in the August number, entitled "This is my Father's World," was by our own Mrs. Frank J. Greene. Two books are highly recommended as devotional material for study groups: "The Person I Hope to Become," by Robt. Seneca Smith, and "Finding a Religion to Live By," by Charles Emerson Burton.

The Federation questionnaire is now ready and two copies will be sent to each commissioner to fill out. She should send one copy to her Associational president and read the other to her local group. This questionnaire constitutes the annual report and **is not** a "check-up" on the local group by the Federation.

"What becomes of the material we send our commissioners?" asks our Thank Offering secretary, who finds churches without the material she has sent. It is suggested that Associational presidents check on their commissioners!

## Church Notes

**PACIFIC GROVE.** Rev. John H. Hunter has returned to his duties after his recent illness. The church roof has undergone extensive repairs. The Bible class of college age people is being organized for more efficient service. A number of young people have taken responsibilities in the church school. A special offering for the American Board was taken on Thanksgiving Sunday and another for the Ministers' Relief Society at the communion service.

**PITTSBURG.** Rev. Elmer W. Benedict continues to lead the procession in securing Pacific subscriptions. The Sunday school has purchased 100 new hymnals. A four-weeks' mission study course will be held by the women of the church, using "The Moslem World" as topic. The church has an adult Bible class, a young people's discussion group, and a newly organized couples' group.

**WOODSIDE.** Rev. R. R. Shoemaker is challenging the entire community with interest arousing sermon subjects: "Attempting the Impossible," "The Daring of Faith," "Albumen and Immortality," "The Grammar of the Religious Life," and "Transformation versus Confirmation" are among those announced. The young people's work of the church and the Sunday school is being reorganized.

**TULARE.** Rev. Arthur L. Rice reports two new organizations: a Campfire group, and a Standish Club meeting in the homes for the benefit of those above college age. The new organ is being used in a series of organ vespers Sunday afternoons, which have proved very popular. Field Secretary Sherman is assisting with the financial plans.

**OAKLAND FIRST.** The "Womanhood of the Bible," tableaux based on famous paintings, was presented on Sunday evening, November 14. The poems and Scriptural quotations were compiled by Mr. F. Howard Seely, and the tableaux were arranged by Edna Wyman Riley.

**SOQUEL.** The Christian Endeavor has made a generous payment on a piano for the church hall. A "singspiration" brought a churchful of young people from several Santa Cruz churches to sing for an hour after church. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is pastor.

All Thank Offering money, marked as such, must reach our Conference office, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, before January 10.

### REV. FRANCIS M. PRICE

Francis M. Price was born at Richland, Indiana, December 9, 1850. He passed away at his home in Berkeley, September 5, 1937.

He was educated at Oberlin, Ohio. In 1872 he was married to Miss Sarah Jane Freeborn, who later passed away, and in 1918 he was again married, to Mrs. Jennie Stone Reeves. His life was filled with service, both in America and the Orient. For a time he served in a mission in Cleveland, also with Rev. Dan Bradley and the founder of the Schauffler Training School. He launched the Bethlehem Mission in Los Angeles. He was for years engaged in mission work in Guam, and translated the New Testament into the language of that island. He served for years in China, and was pastor of the South Berkeley Congregational Church in this Conference. He is survived by his widow and by three daughters, Mrs. Martha Ann Foster, Mrs. Helen Stewart-Bodin, and Mrs. Alice Fairchild Logan.

Funeral service was held in the chapel of First Congregational Church, Oakland, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach.

Mr. Price was a man of sweet and Christlike spirit, cheerful through a long illness in which he was confined to his bed, always interested in the progress of the Kingdom, a true minister of the church.

### PROF. CHARLES H. HAM

Professor Charles H. Ham, former moderator of our Conference, and honorary deacon in the First Church of San Francisco passed away on Sunday, November 14. He was a life-long teacher in public schools and for some time the oldest living alumnus of Dartmouth College. He had served in every official capacity in the churches of which he was member, and on the Boards of Directors of the Bay Association and the Conference. He was in his 90th year.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 9, 10, 11—Annual Meeting, California Church Council, Sacramento.
December 27, 28, 29—Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, Stockton.
January 13, 14—Annual Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, First Church, Berkeley.
March 1, 2, 3—Earl Lectures and Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.
April 17—Easter Sunday.
June 15 to 23—General Council of Congregational Churches, Beloit, Wis.
July 30 to August 6—Pilgrim Fellowship Summer Conference, Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.
October 11, 12, 13—Annual Meeting, Northern California Congregational Conference, San Mateo.

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